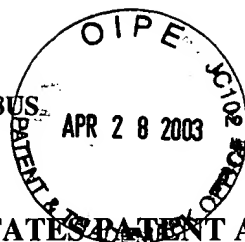


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- Response to November 26, 2002 Office Action;
- Two Month Extension of Time;
- Check No. 16166 in the amount of \$205.00 for a two month extension of time;
- Check No. 16162 in the amount of \$375.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for filing an RCE; and
- Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/755,398. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a response to Office Action mailed November 26, 2002 with a two month extension of time and appropriate fee. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the amendments should be entered and considered.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-632 (Cura-132).

Respectfully submitted,

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